FEE TRANSMITTAL

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	Group Art Unit: 3651
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

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   [ ] Charge indicated fees

   [X] Charge additional fees

   [X] Credit overpayments

   to the account of DANN, DORFMAN, HERRELL & SKILLMAN

   Deposit Account Number ___04-1406___

2. Payment enclosed:

   Check in the amount of $886

FEE CALCULATION

1. FILING FEE   **Fee**

   Fee Description

Utility filing fee	_____
Design filing fee	_____
Plant filing fee	_____
Reissue filing fee	_____

   SUBTOTAL (1) ___$0___

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

ADDITIONAL FEES

Fee Description	Fee Paid
Surcharge-late filing fee or oath	_____
Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	_____
Extension for response within month	_____
Notice of Appeal	_____
Filing a brief in support of an appeal	_____
Request for oral hearing	_____
Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned appl.	_____
Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned appl.	_____
Issue fee	_____
Petitions to the Commissioner	_____
Petitions related to provisional applications	_____
Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt.	_____
Recording each patent assignment per property	_____
Other fee (specify)_____	_____

SUBTOTAL (3) ___$0___

2. Claims

	Paid		Extr			Fee
Total Claims	47	-20 =	27	x 18 =		486
Independent Claims	8	-3 =	5	x 80 =		400
Multiple Dependent						
(First presentation)						

SUBTOTAL (2) ___$886___

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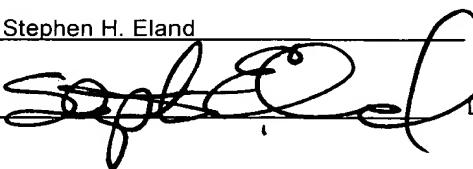
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re the Application of   **DiBiaso et al.**

Application No. 09/542,418

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For: System and Method for Automated
       Document Processing

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add an abstract to the specification as set forth in Attachment A.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 7 as follows and add claims 8-47. The amendments to claim 7 are being made to affect an editorial revision, not for a reason related to patentability. A marked-up copy of claim 7 is provided in Attachment B, which shows the amendments in underline and bracket form.

7.   (Amended) A method for processing a leading envelope having contents comprising one or more documents and a trailing envelope having contents comprising one or more documents, comprising the steps of:

    feeding the leading envelope along an envelope path from an input bin;

    measuring the thickness of the leading envelope;

    determining the gap necessary between the leading envelope and the trailing envelope in response to the measured thickness wherein the gap is sufficient to avoid interference between the envelopes and their contents as they are conveyed along the document path;

    controlling the feeding of the trailing envelope along the document path to provide the determined gap.

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